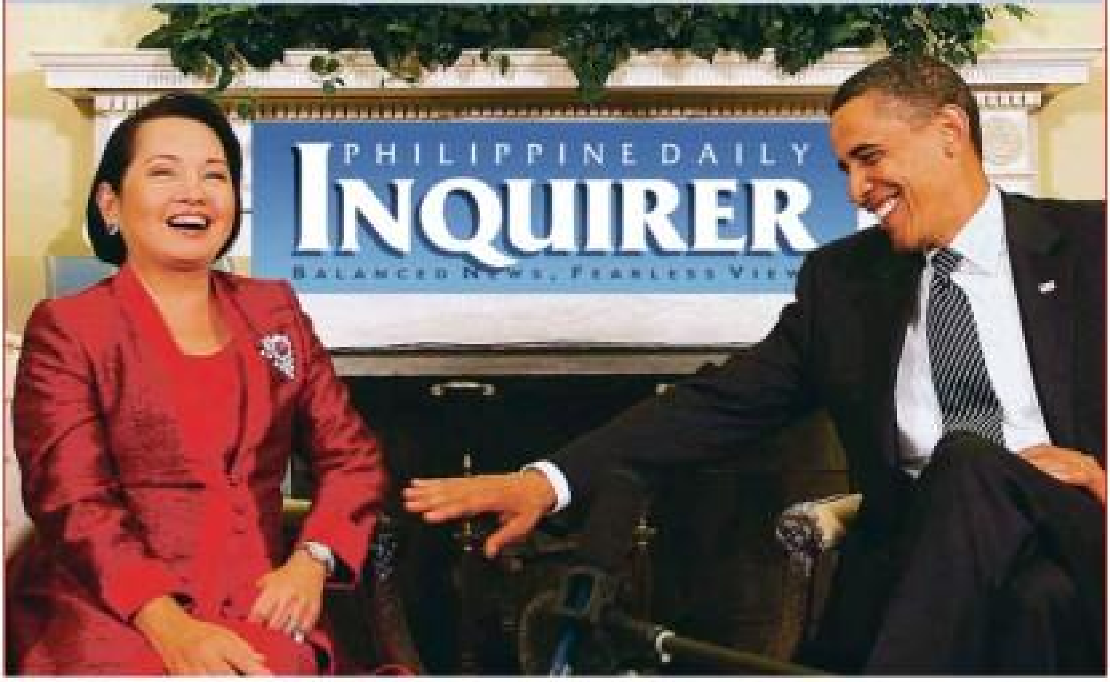
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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

TURNING on full force the charisma that got him elected as the first black American president, President Barack Obama touches the arm of President Arroyo at one point during their "joint press availability" in the Oval Office at the White House in Washington, DC after their 38-minute one-on-one meeting. The laughter comes after Ms Arroyo is asked her impression of Obama. Before she can reply, Obama cuts in saying, "I'm sure she thinks I'm much younger looking than she expected!" During their 11 minutes with the press, Obama looks straight into the eyes of Ms Arroyo whenever she speaks, and is generous with his compliments of her and the Philippines.

Obama charms, hails GMA

'God is heeding prayers' for Cory

By Tina G. Santos, Alcuin M. Lopez, Juan Escandor Jr., *Inquirer Southern Luzon* and Carla P. Gomez, *Inquirer Visayas*

"GOD IS HEEDING OUR prayers," Deedee Siytangco, spokesperson of Corazon "Cory" Aquino said yesterday as Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim hoped for a miracle for the ailing former president, now battling colon cancer at the Makati Medical Center where she has been confined since June.

"Apparently all our prayers are being heard. She's in a stable condition and is not dependent on any life support system. That's what I was told," Siytangco told reporters after the

GOD IS HEEDING/A6

RP named coordinator of US affairs in Asean



DOVETAIL While what President Arroyo terms "White House conversations" are going on inside the Oval Office, a dove flies past the White House, a good omen, perhaps, for the Arroyo-Obama talks that include US support for peace moves with the MILF.

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

WASHINGTON, DC (VIA PLDT)—PRESIDENT Barack Obama has designated the Philippines as its regional coordinator in firming up US ties with Southeast Asian countries but skirted talk that he would skip the Philippines in his planned trip to the region starting in Indonesia later this year.

Obama spoke to reporters after a 38-minute meeting with President Macapagal-Arroyo on Thursday at the Oval Office, where he lavished praise on her gains in fighting terrorism, her efforts to reach a peace pact with Muslim rebels, and her support for the US policy on human rights, specifically with respect to Burma (Myanmar).

"Although the Philippines is not the largest of countries, it, using a phrase from boxing, punches above its weight in the international arena," Obama said.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said Ms Arroyo—the first Southeast Asian leader to

OBAMA/A13

GMA called 'Obama's rah-rah girl'

By TJ Burgonio in Manila and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. in Washington, DC

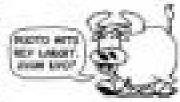
MALACAÑANG YESTERDAY trumpeted President Macapagal-Arroyo's meeting with President Barack Obama and the country's designation as the US regional coordinator with Southeast Asia as a "triumph for all Filipinos."

Critics said it made the Philippines a "glorified (US) errand boy."

Militant lawmaker Teddy Casiño of the party-list group Bayan said Ms Arroyo had found a new role for herself as "Obama's rah-rah girl."

During Thursday's meeting itself at the White House Oval Office, Barack was relaxed and confident as he sat cross-legged beside a visibly nervous Ms Arroyo

GMA CALLED/A13



'If we can't have photo with Barack, First Dog will do'

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

(Excerpts from the following were posted yesterday on inquirer.net.)

REPORTER'S TWITBOOK

WASHINGTON, DC—VETERAN broadcaster Rey Langit was the chosen one.

More than a dozen Filipino journalists were here covering President Macapagal-Arroyo and US President Barack Oba-

IF WE CAN'T/A12

Malacañang choices of nat'l artists spark row

By Kristine L. Alave and Bayani San Diego Jr.

MALACAÑANG'S ANNOUNCEMENT of the new set of National Artists has stirred a hornet's nest and elicited cries of outrage.

Concerned artists said the fact that Malacañang's picks were more than the nominees of the selection committee showed that the National Artist awards had become a way for President Macapagal-Arroyo to accommodate her allies.

Early this week, Ms Arroyo approved the nomination of former stalwart Cecile Guidote-Alvarez, filmmakers Manuel Urbano (aka Manuel Conde) and

MALACAÑANG CHOICES/A6

Bro. Eddie gears for another crack at the presidency in 2010

By TJ Burgonio

BORN-AGAIN PASTOR BRO. EDDIE VILLANUEVA is "seriously considering" taking another crack at the presidency in 2010, saying he now has a stronger nationwide machinery and there was a "growing clamor for change."

The charismatic leader said he was now on leave from the Jesus is Lord Movement, the born-again sect he founded, to focus on his political plans.

A "reorganized" Bangon Pilipinas, the JIL political party, is choosing between two historic dates this month—Aug. 21

BRO. EDDIE/A11



BRO. EDDIE VILLANUEVA to announce decision Aug. 21 or Aug. 31.

Padaca also considering Palace run

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr., Tina Arceo-Dumlao and Erika Sauler

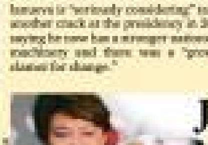
ISABELA GOV. GRACE PADACA is seriously considering an appeal from a group of youth and peasant leaders that she run for President in 2010.

"I am not saying 'no.' I am open to the idea, especially if I see that this movement will take off," Padaca said in a phone interview.

"I will be the last person to tell them to stop," knowing that she inspired the people behind the movement to be

PADACA/A11

Jamby also running for president



SEN. JAMBY MADRIGAL makes the 10th declared and nearly declared opposition candidates for president.

By Michael Lim Ubac

SEN. JAMBY MADRIGAL HAS thrown her hat in the 2010 presidential race, surprising even her colleagues in the Senate.

"Sen. Manuel Villar has no monopoly of the presidency," Madrigal said yesterday during a press conference at the Mandarin Hotel in Makati City.

"At long last, I have reached my decision," she said. "Today I cross the Rubicon. I am certain in my decision to run for the presidency of the republic of the Philippines and will file my candidacy without hesitation on Nov. 30."

Madrigal said she would not slide down to vice presi-

JAMBY/A11

WEATHER FORECAST

Second FRONTPAGE

FOUR DIGIT

SUERTRES

MEGALOTTO 6/45

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Army accuses CHR of deceit

General says De Lima used Fort Magsaysay visit as 'fishing expedition'

THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (CHR) WAS "conning and deceiving" in its visit with Filipino-American activist Melissa Roxas to the 7th Military Intelligence Battalion compound in Nueva Ecija on Thursday, according to the commander of the 7th Infantry Division.

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DE LIMA

[illegible]

Raymond Manalo

[illegible]

Military probe

[illegible]

'So threatened'

[illegible]

SC chief: Protect sanctity of your vote

[illegible]

Palace confident Comelec can plug election loopholes

[illegible]

Senators may hold hearings behind bars

A SENATE COMMITTEE HEARING CON-ducted in jail?

[illegible]

Hopeful

[illegible]

Teleconferencing

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DACER-CORBITO SLAYS

Mancao affirms statement linking Lacson to murders







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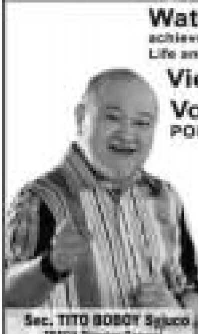



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Oops! Baguio man castrated by mistake











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Wholesale declaration

'Undeserving'

'Dagdag National Artist'

'Why bad news only?'

'From the masses'

WHAT THEY SAY

Lower bread prices seen

By Abigail L. Ho

Just around the corner

Cheaper flour

INQUIRER

OPINION

Fair game

EDITORIAL

Cameras in court

FOREIGN COMMENT



The state of our communities

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

Fight on, UP, for honor and excellence!

GET REAL

Solita Collas-Monsod

Hunger has quadrupled since 2003

SOCIAL CLIMATE



Mahar Mangahas

Complete collage

YOUNG BLOOD

Rissa Marie S. Vizconde

'Education nation' first before 'education president'

COMMENTARY

Eugenia Duran Apostol

Preparing for 2010

BUSINESS MATTERS



Guillermo M. Luz

NOTICE TO YOUNGBLOOD CONTRIBUTORS:

THEY SAID

Close to decision

Mining policy affects human rights too

Insidious campaign to malign heroes

Bro. Eddie gears for another crack at the presidency in 2010



5 to 7M members

Crowded reformist race

Padaca also considering Palace run



Kayang-Kaya!

Ramon Magsaysay awardee

Meeting with Roxas

Padaca-Panlilio agreement

Not lusting for power

Jamby also running for president



UNO's choice

Work in progress

Binay may slide to VP

Malacañang amused

Silence of retreat

'Enough funds'

C-5 controversy

Preserve Coral Triangle, GMA appeals to other countries

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

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Philippine bananas

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Boost export earnings

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OBAMA MOMENT The US president and some of his staff greet President Arroyo's delegation including House Speaker Prospero Nograles, Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo, presidential adviser on climate change Heherson Alvarez, Ms Arroyo's girl Friday Medy Poblador, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita. US Ambassador Kristie Kenney is at far left.

Mere 'innuendos,' Gloria tells Barack of foes' allegations

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

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Correcting perceptions

[illegible]



SPEAKER TO SPEAKER Speaker Nograles meets his American counterpart, Speaker Nancy Pelosi at the Capitol Building in Washington on the second day of President Arroyo's working visit to Washington. Pelosi is the first woman speaker in US history.



FRIENDS OF RP President Arroyo addresses US legislators and their Filipino counterparts during the luncheon reception with leaders of the RP-US Friendship Caucus at the Rotunda Committee Room of the Capitol building.

'If we can't have photo with Barack, First Dog will do'

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THE DAY after the Obama meeting, President Arroyo is interviewed at the Willard Hotel by Rey Langit who now has the distinction of being the only Filipino journalist who had asked Obama a question in person.

'You blew your chance'

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How 'sweet' it is

[illegible]

Where's Bo?

[illegible]

Lito Lapid left behind

[illegible]

Obama mannerisms

[illegible]

Gifts

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Beer summit overshadows Obama-GMA gig

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

Barely noticed

Obama's charm

Connecting very well

Obama charms, hails GMA; RP named coordinator in Asean



HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU President Obama pays close attention to what his guest at the Oval Office is saying. Of her host, Ms Arroyo says that he's "very cordial, warm and welcoming. And I'm really very impressed about his deep understanding and knowledge of the Philippines and the Filipino people."

Basking in the Obama sun

'Good to be first'

'White House conversations'

RP importance

Grateful GMA

Obama also grateful

Through difficult times



GMA GOES TO CAPITOL HILL Senators Harry Reid and Richard Lugar welcome President Arroyo on the second day of her working visit to Washington, DC.

GMA called 'Obama's rah-rah girl' by militants



STANDING TALL The US president is lavish in his praise for President Arroyo. He speaks of her "great personal charm." He also says she has "done outstanding work on a whole range of issues ..."

'No wonder US fell for him'

Mike Arroyo not around

'Something to be proud of'

Different view

Glad to be wrong

Across the NATION

Thousands vote on fate of 3 new towns amid rains in Maguindanao

Floods ravage towns hurting from war

COTABATO CITY—ONE person was dead and another was missing in a week of rains that brought floodwaters from swollen rivers and tributaries into low lying areas here and other parts of Central Mindanao.



Volcanologist view of Mayon blocked by rains, clouds

Traders see long struggle vs high oil costs in Cebu

Autonomy, if forced, ain't good, Cordillerans told



Trader draws 1 year jail term on receipt case

INQUIRER Visayas

For OFW, dream turns into nightmare

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Iloilo City

WHEN President Macapagal-Arroyo handed over a check for P50,000 to her family last week, Lea Tarohia was not around. The domestic helper was lying in a hospital bed, recovering from abuses she suffered while working in Singapore.

[illegible]

A difficult life

[illegible]

Year-long abuses

[illegible]

Singapore ordeal

[illegible]



LEA TAROHIA, [illegible]

Repatriation

[illegible]

'Signs of repeated abuse were all over her body–healed and recent wounds, deformed and inflamed ears and bruises'

They thought of suicide to end their hardships

By Joey A. Gabieta
Tacloban City

WHEN THEY COULD NO longer bear the abuses of their employers in the Middle East, two overseas Filipino workers (OFW) from Leyte tried to commit suicide.

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Tourism up in Bohol despite crisis

By Chito Fuentes
Tagbilaran City

THE TOURISM INDUSTRY IN BOHOL IS ON the upswing even when tourism was on a downturn in other places, according to President Macapagal-Arroyo.

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TOURISTS enjoy lunch over the floating restaurant in Loboc River in Bohol.



AN ATTRACTION in Danao, Bohol, [illegible]



BOHOLANOS welcome President Macapagal-Arroyo [illegible] celebration of the 155th Bohol Foundation Day at the Bohol Cultural Center in Tagbilaran City.

News

Don't rush me, Gordon says of ZTE report

DON'T RUSH ME.

Sen. Richard Gordon denied yesterday that he was deliberately delaying the release of the committee report on the Senate inquiry into the scuttled $329-million national broadband network deal with ZTE Corp. of China.

A plus METRO

Mudslide buries house in Antipolo City, kills 2

By DJ Yap

A 68-YEAR-OLD WOMAN AND HER YOUNG granddaughter were killed after the hillside above their house collapsed on them in a mudslide very early Friday morning in Antipolo City, the police said.

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With Nancy Carvajal



RESCUERS retrieve the body of 4-year-old Kiladyn Rosales from their buried house in Sitio Tanglaw, Barangay San Isidro, Antipolo City, past midnight Friday.

'Nga-nga' protest vs Laiban Dam project



PROTESTING Agta and Dumagat tribesmen from northern Quezon spit out their "nga-nga" on the ground of MWSS Friday to dramatize their anger against the planned Laiban Dam project.

By Julie M. Aurelio

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2 Philpost men in gun duel; neither hit target

By Jeannette I. Andrade

[illegible]

Pa tries to help son, is stabbed dead

By Nancy C. Carvajal

[illegible]

Another bomb scare hits agri dep't

By Riza T. Olchondra

[illegible]

Sewage treatment plant a must in QC buildings

By Julie M. Aurelio

Bagger tries to bring home the bacon; is held

Diplomatic immunity for Mike A.

ON TARGET
Ramon Tulfo



ADDENDUM

2 brothers convicted for neighbor's murder in 2001

By Julie M. Aurelio

METROBRIEFS

2 holdup men killed in shootout

Hit-and-run victim

'Nga-nga' protest ...

The WORLD



Obama in 'beer summit' with professor, policeman

Suu Kyi's fate uncertain as court delays verdict

RANGOON—A BURMA (MYANMAR) COURT ON Friday postponed its verdict in the internationally condemned trial of Aung San Suu Kyi until Aug. 11, adding to uncertainty over the ruling junta's plans for the democracy icon.

AP

Police beat mourners in new unrest in Iran

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WorldBriefs

Warrants for Jackson's doc call singer 'addict'

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Honduran leader said to be open to Zelaya return

AP

Nigerian militant leader shot in police custody

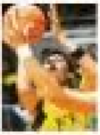
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■ Tamaraws try to dodge upset axe /A22





■ Salvador nails first Tour win /A23



Blazers overcome Chiefs in three OTs

By Cedelf P. Tupas

Whoppers have three draft picks, but only one person in mind

By Musong R. Castillo

Bayron 2 off Brunei pace



BAYRON

Basketball, volleyball games kick off 40th WNCAA

Tamaraws try to dodge axe

Take on bolder Maroons today



Peping asks int'l body: Send poll supervisor

By Marc Anthony Reyes



Tagaytay training for World Cup bidders



Twin Milo Marathon races lure thousands

Will Pacquiao agree to fight Cotto at 147 lb?

BARE EYE



Recah Trinidad

Orcollo, Gomez fall in Villar Cup upsets

Miami Heat coach a former PBA fanatic

Salvador nails first Tour win

Holds off Magada at Sherwood



Odom staying with Lakers, says agent

Putting woes bedevil Woods in Buick Open



SPORTSWATCH

Filipino-Swiss joins draft



BURTSCHER

MMC Cup features tough battles

WGAP head scores an ace

Nat'l taekwondo comes off wraps Aug. 12



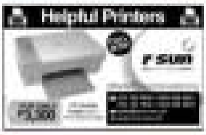
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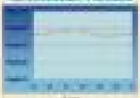
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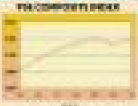
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PESO-DOLLAR RATE

STOCK MARKET

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Foreign buying lifts stocks

Metro Pacific subsidiary eyes NLEx-SLEx link

METRO PACIFIC TOLLWAYS CORP. HAS DRAWN up a ₱36-billion, five-year expansion plan as part of its goal to be the country's biggest and most efficient toll road operator with infrastructure system comparable to world-class standards.

PLDT sees 'challenging' 2nd semester



PANGILINAN

BPI reports 38% jump in first half net profit

Galoc oil production breaches 2M barrels

By Amy R. Remo

PRODUCTION AT THE GALOC OIL field in offshore Palawan has exceeded 2 million barrels since it began operations in October last year, proof that the venture was commercially viable for the consortium.

In a regulatory filing, consortium member Otto Energy Ltd. reported that cumulative oil production for the second quarter this year was 957,700 barrels.

"During the quarter, the field has been producing within expected production rates of approximately 12,000 barrels of oil a day," the Australian firm said.

Otto holds a 31.28-percent stake in Galoc Production Co. (GPC), which operates the Galoc oil field covered

Repair work stalls operations

under Service Contract 14-C. GPC, in turn, holds a 59.29-percent working interest in the contract license.

According to Otto, the total oil sales of oil lifted by the three offtakes in the second quarter alone was 1.02 million barrels, equivalent to a rate of 240,231 barrels a day. This included 55,967 barrels held over from previous quarter.

In the same period, there were two disruptions to production operations due to adverse weather conditions.

In May, tropical storm Han Chan passed 300 nautical miles to the north of the Galoc field and the Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO) Rubicon Intrepid was disconnected.

A second disconnection, due also to passing typhoons, occurred at the end of June. However, remedial work is still being undertaken on the mooring and riser system of the Galoc facility and production remains suspended to date.

"Once this has been completed, the system will be reconnected to the FPSO and function tested prior to resuming production operations," Otto said.

Last June, field operator GPC, on behalf of the Galoc consortium, issued a formal "Declaration of Commerciality" following the completion of the extended testing period, as required under the terms agreed with the Department of Energy.

Basic pushes bioethanol project

BASIC ENERGY CORP. IS SET TO begin a feasibility study for its planned cassava-based bioethanol plant, which will have a capacity of 100 million liters a year.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange, Basic Energy compliance officer Angel P. Gahol said the company's board of directors has authorized management to sign a contract for the conduct of the study with two Thailand-based institutions.

Gahol said Basic Energy signed the contract on Thursday with Alternative Energy Institute of Thailand and Ekkarat Thai Ltd., a research and technology institute.

"The service fees for providing the feasibility study is for a lump-sum amount of $80,000," Gahol added.

To be put up on a 25- or 30-hectare site in Batangas, the company's integrated bioethanol plant is estimated to have daily production capacity of 300,000 anhydrous bioethanol liters. It is scheduled to begin commercial operations by 2011.

The planned facility will make use of cassava chips as feedstock, which will be sourced from the company's subsidiary, Basic Ecomarket Farms Inc.

Basic Ecomarket has an ongoing cassava plantation project that targets to produce dried cassava chips from around 20,000 hectares in the Zamboanga peninsula—and later on, in Bohol—under a combination of corporate farming and contract-growing arrangements.

Parent firm Basic Energy has earlier infused to its subsidiary P31.25 million in additional equity investment to fund the cassava project.

Basic Ecomarket also signed last month a memorandum of agreement with India-based Tri-Chem Group of Companies, which has committed to invest as much as $500,000 in the cassava plantation project.

Tri-Chem is a technology and equipment supplier of clean environment and sustainable development projects and processes.

According to Gahol, the agreement would also establish a business relationship between the parties for the development of an integrated feedstock farm and bioethanol plant and related facilities in the Philippines.

Basic Energy also owns Zambo Norte Bioenergy Corp. (ZNBC), which is the company's initial foray into alternative energy. *Amy R. Remo*

Disclosures

LIBERTY FLOUR MILLS INC. HAS ACCEPTED the resignation of Ricardo Gala as independent director and Jose Feria Jr. as corporate secretary. The board elected Rosario Plazo and appointed lawyer Josephine Joy Canete to fill in their respective positions.

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HIGHLANDS PRIME INC. HAS ELECTED the following as members of the board of directors for 2009 to 2010: Henry Sy Sr., Henry Sy Jr., Hans Sy, Willy Ocier, Antonio Henson, Jacinto Ng Jr., Rogelio Cabuhay, Washington Sycip and Gregorio Kilayko. The board of Highlands Prime also approved a cash dividend of P0.02 a share for stockholders of record as of Aug. 20, and payable on or before Sept. 23.

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GEOTRUST DEVELOPMENT BANK INC. has accepted the resignation of Edwin Tecson as corporate secretary and executive committee secretary. The company appointed Paul Roderick Tomas as corporate secretary and Isabelita Ching-Salen as assistant corporate secretary. *Compiled by Lawrence de Guzman, Inquirer Research*

Stock Market Challenge — Monthly Update

Inquirer Business

Portfolio Summary and Overall Performance Standings For Week Eight as of July 29, 2009

Stock	Shares	M.Price	Amount Invested		Cash Bal.	Total	ROI
1st Place: The Oracle (Next move will determine whether he retains his lead)							
PNX BDO PX LIB SPH	15,000 3,000 15,000 [illegible] [illegible]	1.82 34.50 7.70 [illegible] [illegible]	[illegible]	399,593.27 79.11%	149,416.24 29.92%	109.03%	109.03
2nd Place: Trader09 (Smartly beating the market but losing opportunity to hit bigger)							
GLO SPH FGEN MER BDO PPH	10 200 500 100 300 300	1,060.00 34.50 22.75 [illegible] 34.50 40.00	[illegible]	75,103.07 15.60%	402,849.32 [illegible]	108.21%	108.21
3rd Place: Trust Me (Bull strategy unable to capitalize on investment gains)							
SMPH ALI GMA7	15,000 20,000 15,000	5.70 9.20 6.70	99,233.70 102,546.40 [illegible]	[illegible] 49.08%	166,757.08 33.38%	102.49%	102.49
4th Place: Integrator (Still has to fine tune investment betting)							
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5th Place: SM Trader (Core holding still not yet paying up)							
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6th Place: CyclicReader (Still has to get her bearings on the market play)							
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7th Place: Pardon (Now suffering consequences of trading strategy)							
SMPH SPH	15,000 3,000	5.70 44.50	99,233.70 110,071.13	209,804.83 41.32%	297,895.28 59.57%	100.89%	100.89

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GO FOR BROKE
Business-minded students of Cagayan Valley Marcos National High School take part in the Go Negosyo program held at the Teachers Camp in Baguio City.

House takes steps to audit oil firms

BSP: Remittances to remain strong

Cash sent in by workers seen to grow slightly in post-crisis era



THE ELITE ONES.

Agri officials seek bigger budget

RP trade with China seen to be vital

Workers' pay slightly rose in 1st quarter

100,000 workers displaced since October

Coca-Cola to buy out Cosmos stakeholders

BSP sees no need to spur spending

BPI reports 38% jump in 1st half...

₱36B worth of tollway projects readied

PLDT sees 'challenging' 2nd semester

Foreign...

More Classifieds

Bicol University A10

Municipality of Calabanga A10

Home Guaranty Corp. B4

National Food Authority B4

RUFINA MOLO REDOBLE

"Mama"

July 10, 1917 - July 30, 2009

(Retired Teacher at the Thomas Earnshaw Elementary School)
Paris, Sta. Ana, Manila

Peacefully joined our Lord at the age of 92

Her only daughter Mrs. Linda Redoble Ochoa; Son-in-law Mr. Rene V. Ochoa; grandchildren Albert, Michelle, Redd and Lorelle and great-grandchildren Joshua and Colin request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Pelaez Santiago Memorial Homes 13 V. Gomez St., San Roque, Marikina City.

Interment will be on Sunday, August 2, 2009 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Memorial Homes.

DR. ENRIQUE R. TOPACIO

(Widower of Dr. [illegible] Topacio)
August 7, 1924 - July 30, 2009

Peacefully joined his Creator at the age of 84.

His loving children, Priscilla, Soledad, Marila, Consuelo, Nilo, Jose, Marilou, Suzanne and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Funeraria Paz - Sucat.

Cremation will be on Thursday, August 6, 2009 at Manila Memorial Park - Crematory at 2:00 p.m.

"For ... neither death, nor life, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus."

With faith in our hearts and trust in the fullest assurance of God's love and gift of life, we praise God for giving us the privilege of being loved and cared for by our mother,

Candida M. Gonzales

29 August 1921 — 24 July 2009

Nanay Dading is now at home with God, our late father

Senate President Neptali A. Gonzales

and her siblings and kin.

To those who condoled with us, offered flowers, masses and prayers, and above all, who shared with us our faith and trust in God.
Your kindness gave us comfort in our time of grief, and stronger faith in the celebration of Life.

Myrna & Eric Cuejilo
Aida Mendoza
Rhodora & Willy Belena
Neptali II & Alexandria Gonzales
Ruben and Fe Gonzales,
and our respective families.

RODY M. HERRERA

Died peacefully in the Grace of our Lord on July 30, 2009 at the age of 84

His beloved wife Virginia L. Herrera; daughter Rori Herrera; granddaughter Nina Herrera, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Sala 3 Chapel of Arlington Memorial Chapels & Crematory, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Cremation will be on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at the Arlington Crematory, after the 8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass.

CLASSIFIEDS

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Be it known that there is an outstanding warrant of arrest for Ms. Milagros R. Caliwan of No. 31 Reyes St., Vergel, Pasay City whose picture appears below, that was issued by Branch 258, Regional Trial Court of Parañaque City in Criminal Cases Nos. [illegible] for Estafa through Falsification of Commercial Documents.

Please direct any information leading to her arrest or whereabouts to:

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SCIENCE/HEALTH

Coaxing diabetics to change for good

BECAUSE DIABETES IS A self-managed disease, compliance could become a very difficult obstacle to overcome.



Three things

Primary target

Can water cure diseases?

Not reliable indicator

Thirst



Bumblebee is a bug

DISCOVER



Faces of cars

A polypill for the masses

MEDICAL FILES



Rafael Castillo, M.D.

Polypill concept

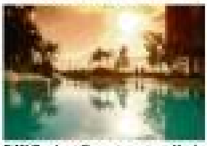
Best part

Living green in Cubao

By Charles E. Buban



Stress-free urban lifestyle starts at Bay Garden



BAY Garden offers a tapestry of lush landscaping, such as this sunset swimming pool sight at Marian, which helps alleviate the hassles of urban living.

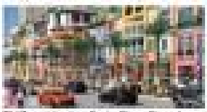
Safety in schools

From page B6

Marriot Hotel Manila to open this month

Correct photos

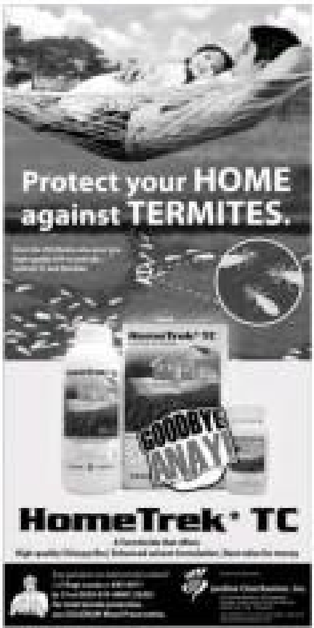
THESE PHOTOS SHOULD HAVE APPEARED last week together with the article headed "Cityplace attracts Chinese-Filipino traders."





CHINESE-FILIPINOS continue to grab units at Cityplace because it is a prime location for their business, according to Megaworld.







PROPERTY



US design mag awards Ayala resort one of world's greenest

By Tessa R. Salazar

AYALA LAND INC.'S FIRST eco-friendly leisure development in Morong, Bataan has been recognized by US-based Hospitality Design Magazine.

Forested foothills

Sustainable principles

Safety in schools

LIVING ARCHITECTURE



Marcos de Guzman Jr.

THERE ARE SOME PHONE CALLS WHICH you never hope to receive, especially if it comes from the school where your son or daughter studies.

SAFETY B7

2bU LIFESTYLE



UAAP Basketball Highlights

Temperatures—and tempers—rise



THE HEAT OF LAST week's explosive UAAP weekend was only matched by the lousy ventilation of Philsports Arena in Pasig.

> Blame the lousy ventilation of the Philsports Arena in Pasig

David trips Goliath

Amazing half-court shot

Cat got your tongue?

Hot place, hot heads

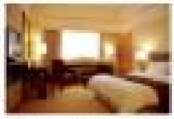




A weekly directory of the country's best establishments

Where to Stop Where to Go

Premiere accommodations at Best Western Astor Hotel



Blog your stay at Dusit Thani Manila

Conway's presents 'Tuesdays with Medics'

'Rainy Daze' at Hotel Kimberly

Belgian National Day at New Horizon Hotel

Sunday Barbecue Lunch at Intercon Poolside

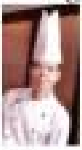
Homey rainy days at The Malayan Plaza

10 things to remember when taking an entrance exam



Tours, Leisure & Chow

Chef Kwan joins Shangri-La Mactan





Best friend's Night Out

Puerto Del Sol's 'rainy red tag room sale'

A glass of champagne with Europe's singing sensation

The 'La Corona Service' brings you closer to everything worthwhile

What's your favorite UPCAT memory?

Strict test watchers, applicants eating noisily, supportive kin

YES IT'S THAT TIME OF THE year again. Today high school seniors all around the country will be taking the UPCAT, hoping to get a slot at the University of the Philippines. While not everyone ends up going to UP, everyone who took the entrance exam has a favorite memory of it. 2BU asked several alumni, as well as students who opted to study elsewhere, what they remember when they took the exam.

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super LifeStyle





Hanging out with Justin Bartha of 'The Hangover'



SEE STORY ON PAGE D3

WHAT'S INSIDE









SUPER EXCLUSIVE!

Hanging out with Justin Ba

The missing groom tells us how his is the 'anti-Bromance' movie

By Wanggo Gallaga

THE BACHELOR party is a well-worn Hollywood staple and can be the foundation of a good comedy. "The Hangover" brings it to its craziest extreme.

Directed by Todd Phillips, who directed "Old School," it is about a groom, his future brother-in-law and two best friends who go to Las Vegas to have "a night they will never forget" and wake up the next day with the expensive luxury suite trashed beyond all recognition, a baby left in the vault, a tiger in the bathroom and the groom missing in action.

The three, played by Bradley Cooper ("He's Just Not That Into You"), Ed Helms ("The Office") and Zach Galifianakis ("What Happens in Vegas"), must piece together what happened the previous night and find the missing groom and make it to the wedding on time.

The missing groom, played by Justin Bartha of the "National Treasure" films, is missing most of the film but is the heart of the film.

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JUSTIN Bartha (extreme left) with the cast of

[illegible]

Top 5 Facebook games

Pixel Ranger

[illegible]

Word Challenge

[illegible]

Who Has The Biggest Brain!

[illegible]

...rtha of 'The Hangover'



'Hangover'

Personally, I think it's brilliant.

I'm guessing this is Zach Galifianakis who is doing this?

Yeah, the genius of that character is that he's kind of a baby himself. He kind of gets away with anything.

I'm noticing a trend in Hollywood films where they are making films that celebrate the male bonding experience and man-to-man relationships outside of the action genre. I think they are calling these the "Bromance." Any opinion on this?

I think that it was sort of used as a marketing ploy in the film "I Love You, Man," which is a John Hamburg movie, and in the following years there has been a lot of Judd Apatow movies and it is all about male bonding. "The Hangover," I always saw as kind of an anti-Bromance movie. And nothing against the Apatow films and all those movies, I think they are all wonderful. I think they are some of the best comedy in years. This film, though it has male bonding elements in it, obviously it is more a weird combination of these archetypes in film and it kind of exploits these archetypes. The characters are characters of characters, in a sense.

During the credits of the film, we see pictures of what happened and it seemed like a whole lot of fun to shoot. Can you tell me about it?

They were a lot of fun to shoot, I have to say.

It's like a whole movie in itself!

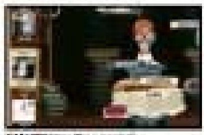
Yeah, that's kind of like the genius of the structure of the film. We get to see what we see in all movies about Vegas, we get to show that with just the photos in the end, and I think it's a wonderful device used by Todd. It's kind of the crowning achievement of the film and everyone enjoyed that part.

"The Hangover" opens in Manila on August 5.

Top 5 Facebook Games

A list of online addictions and obsessions

By Tobi Yeng
Contributor



CAN YOU type like a maniac?

APART FROM SECRETLY checking up on your friends and taking numerous inane yet strangely compelling quizzes, Facebook is also a treasure trove of some highly addictive games. The addiction starts pretty innocently. You get a status update from a friend saying "<name> has just gotten a high score of <score> in <game>. Try to beat him/her!"

Out of curiosity, you click on the game, start playing and suddenly you do beat your friend's high score. The triumph whets your appetite, and pretty soon, your competitive streak kicks in and you just wanna beat everyone on your friend's list, especially that annoying friend in your list that you added out of politeness. Distressingly, you proceed to be effortlessly gathering those high scores, when in truth, it has become your life's work, and death to anyone who even remotely distracts you while you're hard at work kicking Facebook butt. Interestingly enough, most of the top scorers in my roster are those who work in an office. Makes me wonder if their bosses know how diligently they're working on that sales report.

Below are the top five that have kept me wired and up all night.

Typing Maniac

Back in high school, I was something of a typing savant. I aced my typing classes and joined (and won) the Higher Typer contest because I wanted to win a box of 3.5-in diskettes (the '90s equivalent of a USB flash drive). Yes, that was my lame claim to fame. Typing Maniac brings back the memories of my Supertyping glory days. In Typing Maniac, you quickly type the words printed on descending parchment scrolls (don't forget to press Enter after each word!), before it accumulates into a huge pile of paper which will lead to your downfall. As your level progresses, the words get longer and drop faster. This game has been responsible for many up-till-3-a.m. nights, with me pounding furiously at my keyboard, screaming expletives at my screen. It's also led to a cramped back and even a left hand that had gone curiously numb after level 62. Typing Maniac also made me consider removing my brothers from my friends list when they conspicuously beat my high score. I used to be complacent, but after I had dropped to fourth place once, I am now currently trying to hit an obscenely high score to prevent others from topping it.

Waka Waka

To be completely honest, Typing Maniac was the only game I could be bothered to hysterically play on Facebook until this assignment came along. I decided to check out the other games and stumbled upon Waka Waka. It's basically a rip-off of Pac-Man (the famous '80s game, not the boxer), except the little yellow blob continually goes "Waka waka waka waka..." before the game. The maze boxes are slightly claustrophobic and boast groundingly punished, especially when backed into a corner by the other multicolored monster blobs. Colorful explosions are too much of an effect here, where I am reduced to high-pitched screeches that wake up the dogs. It's deceptively simple, using only the four arrow keys on your keyboard, but there's something about it that is utterly frustrating and surprisingly difficult to master. It's truly a testament of a great game that years later, Pac-Man and its subsequent copycats still manage to hook you.

TOP 5, D5

LIFESTYLE

Hair, there, everywhere

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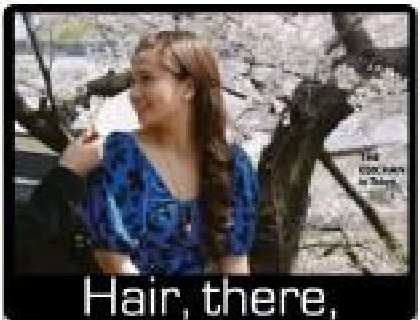


KEEPING FIT WITH HOUSEHOLD CHORES



CALORIES BURNED FOR VARIOUS HOUSEHOLD ACTIVITIES





Hair, there, everywhere



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SATURDAY *Special*



SANDLER. Punchline for raunchy jokes.

Sandler plays terminally ill comedian in 'Funny People'

Only IN Hollywood



Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—ADAM SANdler has always been low-key and soft-spoken in interviews, but in a recent talk, he seemed even more subdued than usual. The basic premise of the actor's latest film, "Funny People"—a comedian (as famous as Adam himself is in real life) whose bout with a terminal illness forces him to reevaluate his life—appeared to put him in a bit of an emotional mood.

Of course, when a reporter asked Adam questions about standup comedians' penchant for raunchy jokes, the actor couldn't resist being naughty himself in his answers.

While the movie is slightly darker than the previous films of Adam or director Judd Apatow, "Funny People" is a comedy first and foremost, with humorous scenes from Seth Rogen, Eric Bana (the comic turn makes us want to see him in more comedies), Jason Schwartzman, Jonah Hill, Aubrey Plaza and the very talented women in Judd's life: Wife Leslie Mann and two daughters, Iris and Maude. Set in the world of standup comedians, the production features appearances by comedians as themselves, including Sarah Silverman, Ray Romano and Paul Reiser.

Excerpts of our press con with Adam, who is married to Jackie Sandler, the mother of his kids, Sadie, 3, and Sunny, born last November:

Brush with mortality

How has this movie's story affected you?

I haven't had a near-death experience, and yet, I still wake up every day going, "I got to do this better." The most important thing in my brain is trying to make sure my family feels loved, and that I'm doing the right thing by them. That doesn't mean I'm good at that—I can be pretty bad at times. That's the thing that I would take [illegible] make sure I'm doing the right thing for the people I love.

In playing someone who's been given a death sentence in a movie, how difficult was that place to go to?

When I would force (it), it would be difficult. But, I would hope that wasn't true. When I watched the movie, and I saw the scene where my character gets the news, I got nervous. Thirty, 50 or 70 years from now, when I get the news from the doctor that I'm going to... In my head, instead of thinking about what the doctor is saying, I'm going to think back, "Uh oh, this was in that movie I did," and not concentrate on what the doctor is saying.

Your character talks fondly of the irony in show biz—the more money you make, the more they give you free stuff. Can you comment about that?

I got free sneakers today. Yes, it's true. People give you a lot of stuff. Sometimes, at a restaurant, I get offered a free meal. They'll say, "The meal's on the house, Mr. Sandler." Then, I say, "No, I have no other way to tip

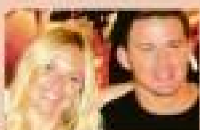
SANDLER F3

'G.I. Joe's' Tatum, Miller get candid

By Rico P. Aids

WE FLEW TO JAPAN EARLY THIS WEEK TO attend the Tokyo premiere of the explosive big-screen adaptation of "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra" [illegible]

[illegible] "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra" opens next week, Aug. 7. [illegible]



MILLER AND TATUM. Portray The Baroness and Duke, respectively, in "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra."

[illegible]

Turbulent relationships

[illegible]

[illegible] "Transformers," [illegible] "Star Wars" and "Transformers," with the characters of "G.I. Joe" thrown into the mix. Do you think it's going to be bigger than those two?

G.I. JOE F4

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By Michael Tarro

Maureen O'Hara stood up for her principles

By Bebs Cervantes



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Sandler plays . . .

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Tribute to Tito King

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GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS



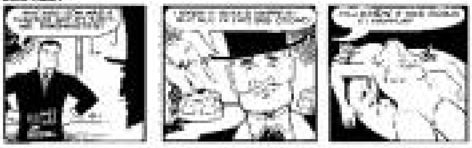
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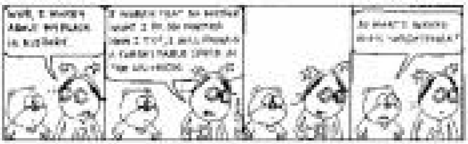
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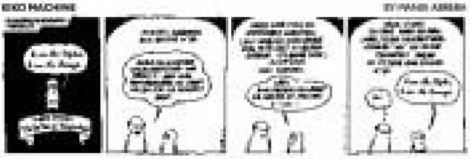
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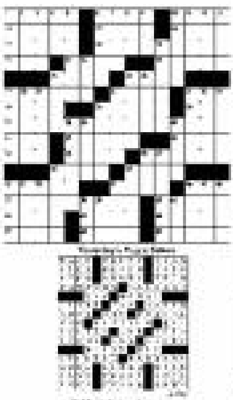
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BY FRANCIS DRAKE

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

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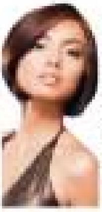
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1	2	9	7	4	3	5	8	6
5	6	8	1	2	9	4	7	3
8	5	1	9	6	4	3	2	7
7	4	2	5	3	1	9	6	8
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Singing tilt hurtles to its big finale

By Nestor U. Torre



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Mandy Navasero



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'Quick Change'

'For the Love of Mama'



THE COMEDY KING is as ready as ever to lighten and brighten viewers' day.

By Nestor U. Torre

Dolphy at 81

Susan at 68



SUSAN: Continuing journey of self-discovery.



'G.I. Joe's' ... From page F1

Very personal